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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) is a United States patent application entitled BODILY TISSUE DILATION SYSTEMS AND METHODS in the name of the following inventors: T. Wade Fallin, Daniel J. Triplett, and Daniel F. Justin.

Enclosed are the following:

- ☒ A specification, claims, abstract, and cover page in total comprising thirty-six (36) pages.
- ☒ Twelve (12) sheets of drawings.
- ☒ A joint signature Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- ☒ An Assignment conveying the invention to MedicineLodge, Inc., including a Form PTO 1595 recordation cover sheet.
- ☐ A Declaration Claiming Small Entity Status pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and § 1.27.
- ☐ The present application claims entitlement to Small Entity Status under 37 CFR §§ 1.9 and 1.27



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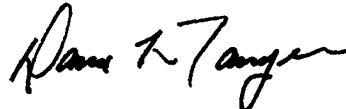
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